



General Assembly

February Session, 2012

Substitute Bill No. 5467

* ____HB05467APP__042412__ *

**AN ACT CREATING A WORKFORCE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS
AROUND CONNECTICUT'S PUBLIC AIRPORTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 13b-50a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 The following initiatives shall be established to preserve
4 Connecticut's licensed privately owned, publicly used airports which
5 have a paved runway and a minimum of five thousand operations per
6 year: (1) The state shall have the right of first refusal to purchase, via
7 fair market value and state property acquisition procedures, an airport,
8 if that airport is threatened with sale or closure, for the express
9 purpose of preserving the airport; (2) the Commissioner of
10 Transportation may acquire the development rights, based on fair
11 market value for such rights, of such airports, provided the airport
12 remains a public airport; (3) the state shall fund capital improvements
13 to private airports, in which case the state shall participate in ninety
14 per cent of the eligible costs and the balance by the sponsor, with
15 budget and priorities to be determined by the Department of
16 Transportation, and engineering in accordance with Federal Aviation
17 Administration Advisory Circulars; and (4) the establishment of a new
18 airport zoning category for the airport's imaginary surfaces as defined
19 by Federal Aviation Regulations, which surfaces are subject to
20 environmental assessments as defined by Federal Aviation Regulations
21 and Environmental Protection Agency standards. Development within

22 these surfaces shall require notices for proposed construction and a
23 federal determination of obstructions and environmental effects.
24 Construction of obstructions deemed hazardous to navigation shall not
25 be allowed and environmental compatibility planning shall address
26 needed land-use actions to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2012	13b-50a
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